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## *The Prevention and Control of Delinquency*

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In this important and highly topical work, one of America's most eminent social scientists offers a fresh perspective on the causation of delinquency and proposes an all-inclusive strategy for coping with this serious national problem.

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